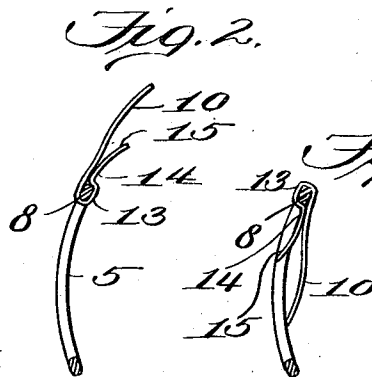
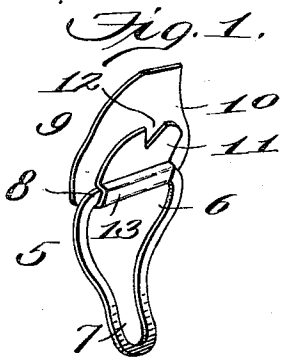


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BYRON H. BOYD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Louisville, in the county of Jefferson and State of Kentucky, have invented new and useful Improvements in Garment Supports or Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a garment support or holder adapted to operate in conjunction with a button or analogous projection, and the primary object of the same is to provide means in connection with a support or holder for locking or fastening a button to prevent the latter from becoming disengaged from the part of the support with which it coacts after the garments have been connected by the support.

A further object of the invention is to provide simple and effective means for supporting or holding a portion of a shirt or drawers or of a shirtwaist and skirt in intimate relation so that the shirt or shirtwaist will be drawn downwardly and the drawers or skirt upwardly to prevent the shirt or shirtwaist from slipping upwardly out of place, and avoiding wrinkling particularly of a shirt bosom at the front of trousers.

The improved garment support or holder is readily adjustable to any position that may be desired and may also be easily applied to garments with which it is used and also readily disconnected without injury to the fabric.

In the drawing: Figure 1 is a perspective view of a garment support or holder embodying the features of the invention and shown open. Fig. 2 is a sectional view through the body of the support or holder and showing the locking means in edge elevation in the same position as illustrated by Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 with the locking means closed. Fig. 4 is a front elevation of portions of garments showing the improved support or holder applied thereto. Fig. 5 is a transverse vertical section of the garments and the support or holder arranged as shown by Fig. 4.

The numeral 5 designates the body of the support or holder constructed in the form of a loop approximately of V-shaped contour and having an upper enlarged extremity 6 and a lower reduced extremity 7. The body 5 is formed of flat stock having a rounded outer edge and is bent or bowed longitudinally, or of concavo-convex form,

as clearly indicated by Figs. 2 and 3 to conform to the contour of the body of the wearer over which it is applied and also to render it effective in bringing the reduced extremity 7 into a reliable engaging position relatively to a button or other projection which will be more fully hereinafter explained.

Movably mounted on the cross-bar 8 at the head or upper end of the body 5 is a locking means 9 preferably constructed from suitable sheet metal and embodying an operating plate or member 10 and an inner locking tongue 11 projecting away from the plate and provided with a central notch 12 opening through the free edge thereof. Between the plate 10 and the tongue 11, or forming a connecting means for the tongue relatively to the plate, is a knuckle 13 which is provided by tightly compressing the metal at said point around the cross-bar 8 when the fastening means is in open position, as shown by Figs. 1 and 2, the inner portion of the tongue as at 14 being compressed closely against the adjacent part of the plate 10 and then bent outwardly as at 15 so as to dispose the free edge of the tongue at a distance from the adjacent side of the plate 10 for convenience in engaging under a button or projection. By bending the metal of the fastening means around the cross-bar 8 when the said means is open, a snap lock is given to the said fastening means when closed in view of the cross-sectional contour of the cross-bar and the change of position of the knuckle relatively thereto when the fastening means is closed or moved inwardly toward the body 5.

In the use of the improved support or holder it is unnecessary to secure it permanently to either garment with which it coacts, and in the drawing it is shown applied to the lower part of a shirt below the bosom and the upper portion of drawers to hold the front of the shirt down and the drawers elevated and thereby avoid wrinkling or projection of the shirt or bosom at the point where the latter passes into the upper part of the trousers. The front central portion of the shirt 16 below the bosom, or that part thereof which is within and immediately below the upper portion of the trousers, is drawers over one of the buttons 17 of the drawers 18, and the fastening means 9 of the support is opened to clear the body 5.

The support or holder is then applied by bringing the concave side thereof adjacent to the assembled shirt and drawers and causing the button 17 having the portion of the shirt thereover to pass through the upper enlarged extremity 6 of the body 5 and then drawing upwardly on the support until the reduced extremity 7 of said body 5 of the support is fully under the button 17 and the portion of the shirt 16 thereover to thus closely bind the portion of the shirt over the button 17. The fastening means 9 is then closed so as to bring the tongue 11 into position to engage the portion of the shirt above the button; and to secure a positive association of the support or holder with the garment a slight downward longitudinal movement is given the said support or holder to cause the tongue to firmly engage the shirt and press the latter toward the button, as shown by Fig. 5, the shirt being engaged by the notched portion 12 of the tongue. When the support or holder has thus been applied it cannot work loose in view of the lock established between the knuckle and the cross-bar 8 when the fastening means 9 as a whole is closed, and, furthermore, the trousers bear against or come in contact with the outer surface of the plate 10 and serve as an auxiliary means for holding said plate in closed position. In removing the support or holder for the purpose of separating the connected garments it is drawn upwardly a short distance to relax the engagement of the tongue with the shirt and to clear the button, and the plate 10 is then grasped and the fastening means opened to permit the body 5 to be pushed downwardly over the button and portion of the shirt engaging the latter until the upper enlarged extremity 6 of said body 5 is reached to permit disengagement of the body from the button. In some instances the tongue 11 will be pressed or forced under the button or projection and the notch 12 will embrace or receive the button shank.

In using the device as a support or holder for shirtwaists and skirts, a suitable projecting device or button will be applied to the skirt at a proper point, either at the back or front as may be desired, and the same mode of application and dissociation of the support or holder is pursued as in its use with a shirt and drawers.

It will be understood that the plate 10 and its tongue 11 will be constructed of metal having suitable stiffness and resiliency to practically perform the functions demanded of said parts and particularly in the formation and operation of the knuckle 13 relatively to the cross-bar 8. It

will also be understood that the proportions as well as the dimensions of the support or holder may be varied at will, and if desired the body 5 and fastening means carried thereby may be ornamented by plating or embellishing with suitable designs.

What is claimed as new is:

1. A garment holder free and operating independently of any suspending means therefor and consisting of a looped body having a lower reduced extremity and an upper enlarged extremity, and means operative as a fastening for a portion of a garment and movably applied to the said upper enlarged extremity of the body and consisting of a front closed plate with an inner tongue projecting away therefrom, the plate and tongue being formed with a knuckle closely embracing the said upper extremity of the body and providing with said extremity a lock for said means.

2. A garment holder free and operating independently of any suspending means therefor and comprising an open body applicable over a projection and having a lower reduced extremity and a cross-bar at its upper enlarged extremity angular in cross-section, the body being longitudinally bent into concavo-convex form, and a fastening means movably applied to the upper angular cross-bar of the body and constructed to provide with said cross-bar a yielding lock to hold the said fastening means against loose movement when closed, the fastening means being provided with an inner tongue having a notch in its free edge to engage the projection, the garment holder being longitudinally movable in one direction when applied to effect a close engagement of the tongue with the projection and similarly movable in a reverse direction to release the tongue from said projection.

3. A garment holder or support free and operating independently of any suspending means therefor and comprising an open body with a lower reduced extremity and an upper enlarged extremity, and a fastening means directly applied to the upper enlarged extremity of the body and movable downwardly over the outer side of said body, the fastening means consisting of an outer plate and an inner tongue projecting away from and having a fixed position relatively to the plate.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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